PREA
Newark, New Jersey

Unofficial Meeting: April 22, 1981

Place: Lourdes Mitchel's residence

Time: 1:35 P.M.

Attendance

Maria Aviles	Lourdes Mitchel
Olga Badarvi	Carmen Perez
Carmen Figueroa	Gloria Ramos
Ines Guerrero	Nancy Rivera
Fidiberto Soto	

Lourdes Mitchel, in-coming President welcomed everyone and emphasized the fact that this was not an official meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to have everyone submit ideas and organize committees for the coming year.

Mrs. Mitchel announced her personal desire to elevate the status of our organization; to conduct meetings regularly following parliamentary procedures; and to project the real image of the Puertorican Educator.

She asked everyone to cooperate, and to participate actively, and to help her outline the goals for the coming year.

Gloria Ramos also suggests all members should have a copy of Robert's Rules of order. Mrs. Mitchel requests permission to buy 300 copies although there is no money. Carmen Figueroa will try to get 100 free copies. Carmen Perez suggests copies of the constitution should be made and distributed to each of the members of PREA. (At this time Mrs. Mitchel handed Carmen a copy for her to keep.)

Fidiberto Soto expresses his feelings regarding the attitude of PREA members, and his hope that a good leadership will change these attitudes. He wishes one of our goals to be to become involved in issues that concern us as educators. He points out that we should be more receptive to constructive criticism.

Mrs. Mitchel agrees that we must learn to accept criticism, and become more selfconfident; to support one another. After a brief speech on the evolutionary process of the Puerto-Ricans, we proceed to vote on the meeting date for the Executive Committee. Conclusion was that Executive Committee will meet on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Other places such as Rutgers or Essex County College were suggested if not for now, for the future. Also, members discussed the possibility of acquiring an official place for PREA. Meantime, we will use F.O.C.U.S., and if necessary, Gloria Ramos, suggests we obtain a written note from Mr. Rosario certifying his authorization for the facility.

Also, Carmen Figueroa, associated with Mount Pleasant Community Development; will find out about the possibility of getting a house for PREA; while other members look into the possibility of establishing an office at one of the campuses.

Mrs. Mitchel indicated the need for us to belong to other organizations and to become involved in politics. She asked everyone to think of at least three things they'd like to accomplish this year.

Gloria Ramos would like for PREA to get involved with students. This should be a priority since the Scholarship Committee has acomplished several things including recognition at State level.

Fidiberto Soto suggested that 12 goals numbered in our constitution be evaluated to dtermine which ones we will emphasize this year.

Gloria Ramos, chairperson of last year's Scholarship fund indicates awards are to be given out the last week in May and that the Central Office has some certificates which can be given out to the graduates.

Mrs. Mitchel is going to look into co-sponsoring a scholarship with another agency with an established fund, such as Focus.

Mrs. L. Mitchel and Fidiberto Soto will meet with Ezequiel on Monday, April 27th to discuss installation ceremony to coincide with Teacher Recognition Day.

Mrs. Mitchel will send letter to Mr. A. Kittrels re: Proclamation of teacher Recognition Day.

Installation ceremony two places: Turismo or Museum Gardens.

Fidiberto Soto will get in touch with Jose Falto for the activity 2nd friday in May. Also will write to Mr. Pasante at Rones de Puerto Rico.

Standing committees were orgainzed. (See attached.)
Inauguration Committee

1. Gloria Ramos
2. Ines Guerrero
3. Carmen Perez
4. Nancy Rivera

Benigno will contact Mike who will in turn contact Balbuena for cocktail hour and hor d'oeuvres.

Once details are worked out, Gloria Ramos will be able to notify the news media-newspapers, Malin Falu-WADO, and WBNX.

Agreed that next meeting of Board of Directors of PREA would take place Tuesday, April 28, at 7:00 P.M. at Roberto Clemente School.

For Bilingual week; Lourdes Mitchell will get flag, Ines will provide Ceta workers and Gloria will bring buttons to be sold at a table sponsored by PREA. Carmen Figueroa will bring applications for new members.

Meeting informally concluded at 5:00 P.M.

At that time Dr. Rosario joined the members still there and addressed them on the problems that affect us as educators and getting involved in politics, as it affects the educational process.

Financial Status

According to latest bank statement there is a deficit, since there should be $2,500 for Scholarship Fund presented by Miller Brewing Company. Therefore, finances must be clarified before new board is sworn in.

If you wish to include any item (issue)in the agenda, please call President at least one week before the meeting. (733-6779.)

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy G. Rivera

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Secretary